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Curios and Relics

Furniture

Sideboard

Owned by Lincoln

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources

From the files of the
Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection

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Lincoln Natl Life Ins Co

Fort Wayne

Ind.

LINCOLN NATIONAL
MAIL DEPARTMENT

Referred to

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Ans.

LIFE

Gentlemen

I am the sole owner
of a beautiful Mahogany
Marble top side-board that my
Great Grand father got from
Abraham Lincoln in the year of
1858.

This would make it one of
the greatest advertisements in the
world, especially if you Co.

The moving picture Corporation
would be very anxious to get
the picture rights on it and no
doubt would pay big money
and this would advertise your Co.
over the U.S.A.

This wonderful thing has never been advertised or offered to any Museum and not many people know that I have it.

- If you will send a representative to see me at once, we will see what kind of a plan we can work out.

Yours Very Truly
Charles W. Brown

my address 700. 3rd ave. Gallipolis O.

THE LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

COPY

January 11, 1936

Mr. Charles W. Brown
700 Third Avenue
Gallipolis, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 9th received and am very happy to be informed that such a piece of furniture is in existence.

I will bring this matter to the attention of Dr. Warren as soon as he returns from his speaking itinerary in February. In the mean time could you supply me with all of the additional information which you have concerning the Side-Board? Where was your Great Grandfather when he purchased it? In what year and under what circumstances? was it secured?

Trusting that you will forward this material at your earliest convenience, I am,

Yours very truly,

M. A. Cook, Librarian

Mr. M. A. Cook, Librarian,
Lincoln National Life Foundation,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

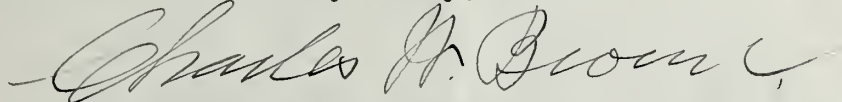
Receipt is acknowledged of your letter
of the 11th. instant requesting additional information.

Herewith is copy of history of the side-
board supported by affidavit of Fannie Somerville,
granddaughter of the purchaser from Lincoln.

Ex Congressman, Rob't. L. Hogg, then of
Point Pleasant, West Virginia, advised me to procure
the affidavit at the time on account of the advanced
age of Mrs. Somerville, and hold in file for exhibit
to anyone interested in this wonderful sideboard.

Wish you would arrange to communicate this
information to Dr. Warren immediately as I would like
to know what you are going to do in the very near fu-
ture.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles W. Brown". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles W. Brown.

700 Third Avenue,
Gallipolis, Ohio.
January 14, 1936.

COPY

HISTORY OF SIDEBOARD
OWNED BY CHARLES W. BROWN,
700 THIRD AVENUE
GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.

In the year 1858, Alexander Long of Mason County, then Virginia, purchased from Abraham Lincoln, at Springfield, Illinois, one mahogany marble top sideboard for the sum of \$100.00, which sideboard has come down through four succeeding generations as follows:

1 - Alexander Long, born in the year 1802 and died in the year 1882, bequeathed this to his daughter, Elizabeth Long Brown.

2 - Elizabeth Long Brown, born in the year 1830, ^{and} died in the year 1906, bequeathed this to her son, Van B. Brown.

3 - Van B. Brown, born in the year 1858 and died in the year 1918, bequeathed this to his son, Charles W. Brown.

4 - Charles W. Brown, born in the year 1891, is now the present owner of this sideboard, and he resides in Mason County, West Virginia.

Fannie Somerville, born in 1856, who signs this history, is a grand-daughter of the above named Alexander Long.

(Signed) FANNIE SOMERVILLE.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,)
 (TO-WIT:
COUNTY OF MASON.)

I, L. C. Roush, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, do hereby certify that Fannie Somerville of Maggie, Mason County, West Virginia, this day personally appeared before me in my said County, and after being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that the above statements are true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief;

AND the said Fannie Somerville acknowledged her signature to the above writing.

Given under my hand this the 12th. day of December, 1934.
My commission as Notary Public expires June 8, 1937.

L. C. Roush, Notary Public.

Memo: Name of the Post Office, Maggie, W. Va.,
has been changed to Kaylong, W. Va.

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Memo: The Post Office address of Charles W. Brown is temporarily
700 Third Avenue, Gallipolis, Ohio.

February 3, 1936

Mr. Charles W. Brown
700 Third Avenue
Gallipolis, Ohio

Dear Mr. Brown:

Dr. Warren was in the office for a few hours yesterday and instructed me to inform you that we would not be interested in acquiring the Lincoln sideboard as we do not collect furniture.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to Dr. Warren

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